



AFTER COLOR

A Conversation with MALAIKA FAVORITE

MAR 12
6:00pm
Dutchtown

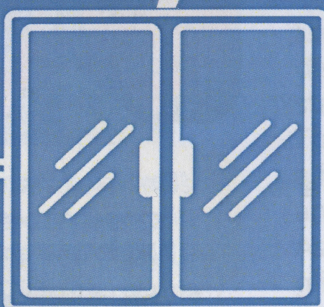
An After Color art exhibit will be on display March 2–31

What if you lived in a world without color, but then one day, you could suddenly see it? Local author and artist Malaika Favorite's latest novel, *After Color*, explores the power of perception. Spend an evening with Malaika at Ascension Parish Library in Dutchtown on Thursday, March 12 at 6:00pm as she discusses her book. Told in vivid, lyrical prose, it explores wonder and fear in a way that's both thought-provoking and unforgettable. A book signing will follow the talk.

Malaika is an award-winning writer and artist whose work includes poetry, fiction, and visual art. She is the recipient of multiple literary awards, including the Naomi Long Madgett Poetry award and the Moon Meridian Novella award. *After Color*, published in 2025, won the Cosmographia Books Prize for spiritual fiction.

Malaika's artwork will be on display in Dutchtown from March 2 to March 31, during regular library hours.

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Thank You to the Sons of the American Revolution

The library extends its warmest thanks to the General Philemon Thomas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for their engaging program commemorating the Boston Tea Party. In recognition of this event, the library was honored to receive two commemorative streamers: the SAR America 250 streamer, celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary, and the Southern District "Partners in Patriotism" streamer, recognizing organizations that promote patriotism through educational programs.

Thank you for helping us bring this chapter of American history to life for our community.



Community Roots

It's time to learn something new! Ascension Parish Library wants you to dig into gardening basics and healthy living through our Seed

Library. Trying your hand at growing your own food is both fun and educational—no matter if you're a first-time gardener or a seasoned grower.

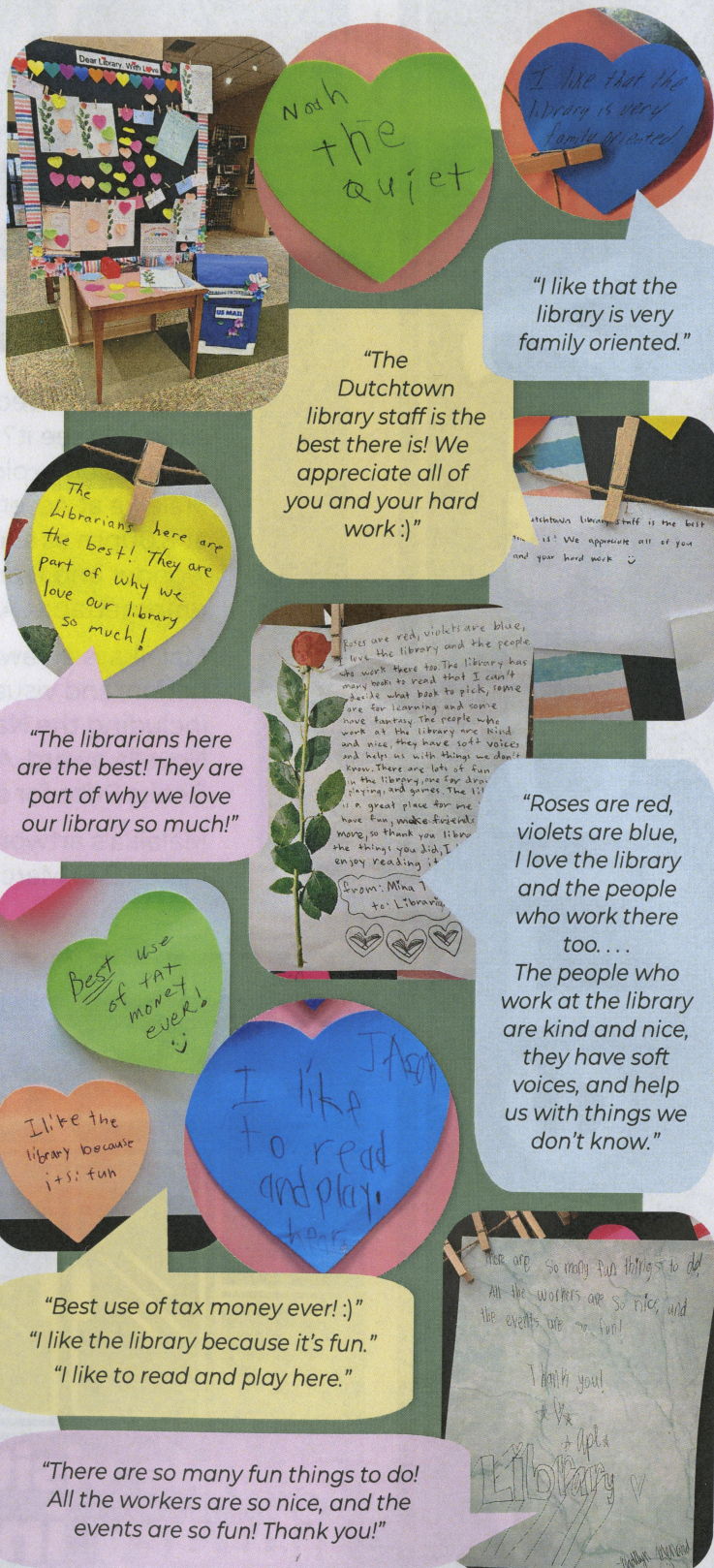
APL cardholders can now pick up free seeds for spring planting from any of our library locations. Available seeds include basil, tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, parsley, beans, celery, and more. Last year, library cardholders picked up an impressive 5,803 seed packets!

We'd love to see what you grow this year—snap a photo of your garden and tag us on social media [@myAPLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/myAPLibrary). Each cardholder may receive a maximum of 10 seed packets per growing season, while supplies last. Each packet contains enough seeds for 3–5 plants.

Note: Seeds cannot be placed on hold, reserved, or sent to other locations.

Dear Library, With Love

Thank you for all of the heartfelt notes from Dear Library, With Love throughout February! We loved reading your messages about your favorite stories, staff, and all the reasons you love APL. Here are just a few that were shared . . .



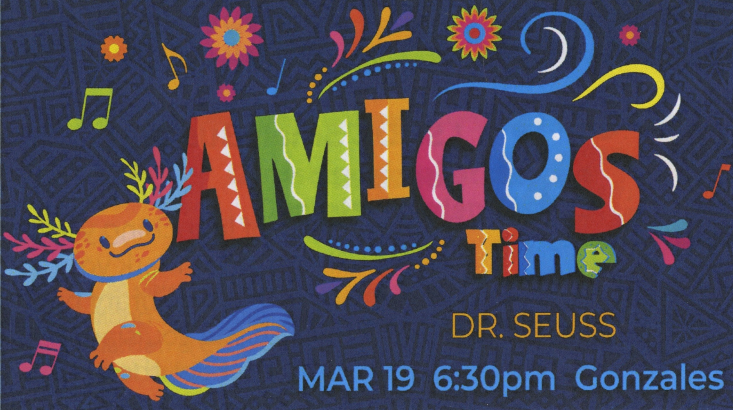
Spring
CHOIR CONCERT
with
Little Vocal Studio
under the
direction of
Alayna Matassa



MAR 12
6:00pm
Donaldsonville

Are you a longtime music lover or just looking for an enjoyable night out? Join us for an evening of live music at the library in Donaldsonville on Thursday, March 12 beginning at 6:00pm as local choirs come together under the direction of Alayna Matassa. Featuring talented singers from our community, this special concert, suitable for all ages, offers classical, folk, and popular songs, blending beautiful harmonies with heartfelt solos and contemporary choral arrangements.

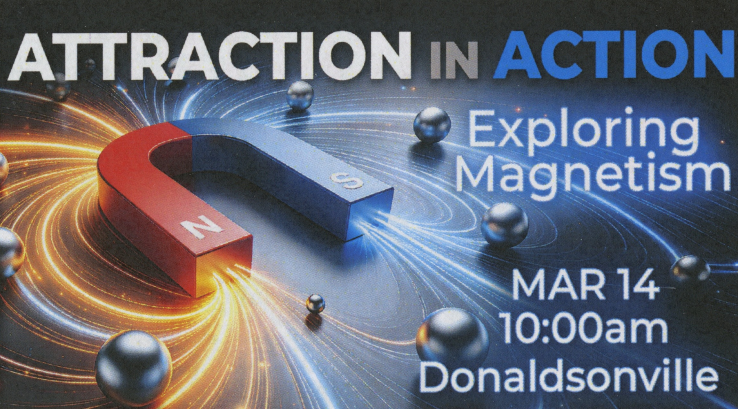
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Time
DR. SEUSS
MAR 19 6:30pm Gonzales



Join us at the library in Gonzales on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm for a bilingual storytime featuring *There's a Wocket in my Pocket!* by Dr. Seuss. Enjoy an interactive reading with discussion and participation in English and Spanish. After the story, create a Dr. Seuss-inspired pencil holder to take home.

Acompáñenos en la biblioteca de Gonzales el jueves 19 de marzo a las 6:30 p. m. para una hora del cuento bilingüe con *There's a Wocket in my Pocket!* (¡Hay un Wocket en mi bolsillo!), del Dr. Seuss. Disfrute de una lectura interactiva con debate y participación en inglés y español. Después del cuento, cree un portabolígrafos inspirado en el Dr. Seuss para llevarse a casa.

ATTRACTION IN ACTION
Exploring Magnetism
MAR 14
10:00am
Donaldsonville

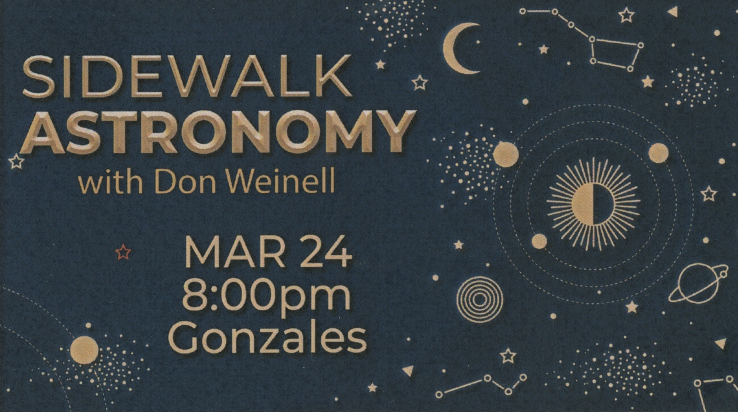


See opposites in action! Experiment with magnets and make slime that moves during this STEM event at the library in Donaldsonville. Explore how magnets attract, repel, and create invisible fields through live demonstrations and hands-on experiments. Create magnetic slime by mixing common materials with iron particles to make a stretchy, magnet-responsive substance. Learn how magnetism powers everyday objects and how it's used in ways you never expected. Bring your curiosity on Saturday, March 14 at 10:00am.

Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up.



SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY
with Don Weinell
MAR 24
8:00pm
Gonzales



Look up! You never know what you will discover. Join us for an evening of stargazing at the library in Gonzales on Tuesday, March 24 at 8:00pm. Peer through a high-powered telescope with assistance from amateur astronomer Don Weinell of the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society (BRAS). See if you can catch a glimpse of Venus, Jupiter, or the moon's craters. Fellow BRAS members will be available to help guide your viewing and answer questions.

Sidewalk Astronomy meets in the library's South Irma Blvd. parking lot.





HEALTHY EATING ON A BUDGET

5:30pm
MAR 18 Gonzales
MAR 19 Donaldsonville



Healthy eating should not be a luxury. Discover how to build balanced meals while staying within your budget. Representatives from Healthy Ascension will discuss how healthy eating can be affordable for individuals and families. Learn how to eat well, spend less, and make food choices that support your health. Following the presentation, free glucose/cholesterol screenings and blood pressure checks will be available.

Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up online.

MINDFUL CHAIR YOGA for Cancer Survivors & Caregivers

Thursdays
MAR thru MAR
5 26

11:30am • Gonzales



Has a cancer diagnosis affected you? Improve your well-being through mindful chair yoga. Ascension Parish Library, in partnership with Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, offers one-hour sessions for cancer survivors and caregivers, led by certified yoga instructor Jada Kerek, on Thursdays at 11:30am in Gonzales.

Registration required. Bringing your own yoga mat is welcomed. Scan the QR code to sign up for this month's classes.

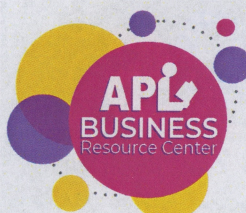
one-on-one beginner
COMPUTER help
GONZALES



MAR 11	5:00pm
MAR 13	2:00pm
MAR 23	9:00am
MAR 26	2:00pm

Improve your computer skills with 45-minute, one-on-one help sessions tailored to meet your needs at the library in Gonzales on Wednesday, March 11 from 5:00pm to 7:45pm; Friday, March 13 from 2:00pm to 4:45pm; Monday, March 23 from 9:00am to 11:45am; or Thursday, March 26 from 2:00pm to 4:45pm. Assistance is available by appointment only for beginner computer skills, Microsoft Office, email, social media, or help using an electronic device to access the library's digital resources.

Registration required. Call 225-647-3955 to make an appointment and let us know how we can assist you.



LSBDC Small Business Seminars

Do you dream of launching your own small business? Mark your calendar because the library has teamed up with the Louisiana

Small Business Development Center at Southern University and A&M College to provide you with a series of two-hour, high-impact workshops that can help. Ada Womack-Bell, director of LSBDC, will cover key topics, such as financing, marketing, and more. Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up for each session.



Launch & Thrive: Building & Financing Your Business

WED, MAY 20 10:00am Galvez

Marketing That Moves Your Business Forward: Marketing Beyond Your Zip Code

WED, JUL 15 10:00am Donaldsonville

Bridging the Gap: Accessing Capital for Business Growth

WED, OCT 21 10:00am Dutchtown



Gardening Workshops



What's the Buzz? Exploring Pollinator Health with Dr. Morgan Christman

March 10 6:30pm Gonzales

Take a closer look the next time you stop to smell the roses. You might spot a bee, butterfly, or even a beetle helping that bloom along. Currently, the populations of pollinators are under threat. Making small changes in our home gardens can make a big difference. Dr. Morgan Christman, assistant professor of pollinator ecology at LSU, will discuss these hidden heroes and what we can do to help them thrive.

This educational workshop for all skill levels is in partnership with the Ascension Master Gardeners Association, under the direction of the LSU AgCenter. Registration required. Call 225-647-3955 to sign up.

Aquaponic Gardening for Beginners with Kenneth Rust

March 24 6:30pm Galvez

Aquaculture is becoming increasingly essential to modern farming practices. Learning to grow food smartly, efficiently, and locally has tremendous benefits and does not require a lot of space. Explore the fundamentals of aquaponics, hydroponics, and recirculating aquaculture from the CEO of Enterprise Aquatics, Kenneth Rust.

This educational workshop for all skill levels is in partnership with the Ascension Master Gardeners Association, under the direction of the LSU AgCenter. Registration required. Call 225-622-3339.

Gardening Inspiration with Gonzales Garden Club

April 8 10:00am Gonzales

Get your green thumbs ready. The Gonzales Garden Club, along with guest speakers from the West Baton Rouge Garden & Civic Club, will be discussing native plants and the Louisiana Certified Habitat program.

This workshop is held in conjunction with the Gonzales Garden Club's annual spring exhibit of horticulture specimens, floral arrangements, and unusual container plants. The exhibit can be viewed from Wednesday, April 8 to Friday, April 10 during regular library hours. Cast a vote for your favorite in each category in the Gonzales Garden Club People's Choice awards.

Louisiana Landscape Plants with Dr. Allen Owings

April 14 6:30pm Dutchtown

Spring is here, and it's the perfect time to give your garden a boost! With the help of horticulturist and retired LSU professor Dr. Allen Owings, learn which plants will make your landscape pop this spring. Discover which plants are the most Louisiana-friendly and how to care for them, plus gain tips to enhance your landscape and boost curb appeal.

This educational workshop for all skill levels is in partnership with the Ascension Master Gardeners Association, under the direction of the LSU AgCenter. Registration required. Call 225-673-8699.

Gardening Q&A and Plant Swap with Ascension Master Gardeners

April 28 6:00pm Gonzales

Do you have questions about gardening or plants that need a little extra help? Ask the experts. Members of the Ascension Master Gardeners will be ready to answer all of your gardening questions. Bring along your labeled plants, cuttings, bulbs, or seeds and share or exchange them with fellow gardeners after the presentation.

This educational workshop for all skill levels is in partnership with the Ascension Master Gardeners Association, under the direction of the LSU AgCenter. Registration required. Call 225-647-3955 to sign up.



Hop on over to the library in Dutchtown on Saturday, April 4 for an egg-citing spring craft that's all it's cracked up to be! During this hands-on event, create a charming decorative piece using foam eggs, ribbon, flowers, and a distressed frame—perfect for adding a touch of spring to your home. Beginning at 9:30am, library staff will guide you through painting, assembling, and styling your project, with plenty of room to make it your own. All supplies will be provided by the library. Let's get creative and have some fun!

Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up online.



pictured:
(above) Beginning sewists walked away with their own handmade throw pillows at Sewing Basics in Gonzales;
(left) Families enjoyed quality time creating unique pieces at Let Go & LEGO in Gonzales.



TRAINING CLASSES

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UPON REQUEST

call 225-473-8052

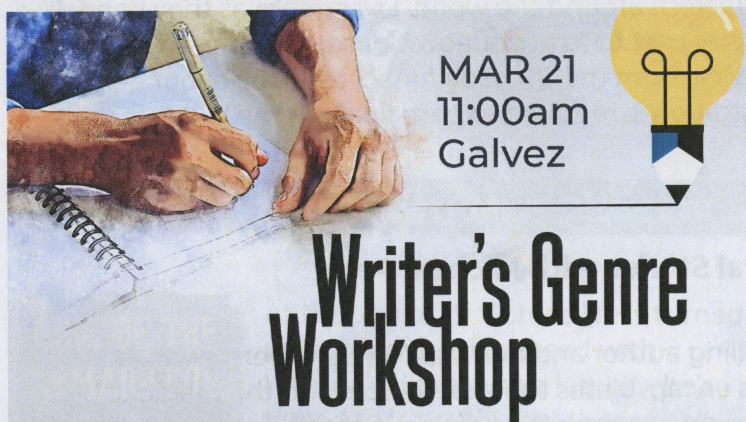
Kickstart creativity! Bring your ideas to life in the library's makerspaces. These collaborative, hands-on spaces allow library cardholders to innovate and learn with cutting-edge tools. People can connect and create by developing skills that can lead to a new hobby or career path. Equipment in our makerspaces includes a Bambu A1 3D printer, Glowforge laser printer, Singer sewing machine, Janome serger, Cricut Maker 3, Cricut EasyPress 3, recording studio, and editing bay.



The engraved wood pictured above was created using the laser cutter housed in the Makerspace at the library's Donaldsonville location. The laser cutter is a computer-controlled machine that uses a high-powered, focused laser beam to cut, etch, or engrave materials like wood, acrylic, metal, and plastic.

To access the makerspace equipment, schedule a training class with our tech team in Donaldsonville. This class provides hands-on guidance and ensures that you will feel comfortable using the tools. Bringing your own supplies is encouraged, or you may choose from the library's limited selection. Those ages 12-14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Lab hours, training guides, and supply costs can be found on our Makerspaces website. Scan the QR code to find out more.

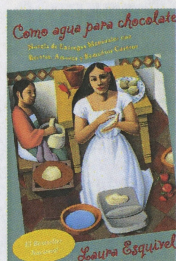




Don't write alone! Connect with fellow creatives and hone your skills at the library in Galvez on Saturday, March 21 beginning at 11:00am. Explore the building blocks that make each fiction genre distinct and

discover how those differences can strengthen your own storytelling. This interactive workshop, open to ages 18+, brings writers together to examine genre conventions and how to use them creatively when crafting a novel. Whether you are just starting out or deep into a work-in-progress, take part in a guided writing exercise designed to sharpen your skills and spark new ideas. Light refreshments will be served.

Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up.

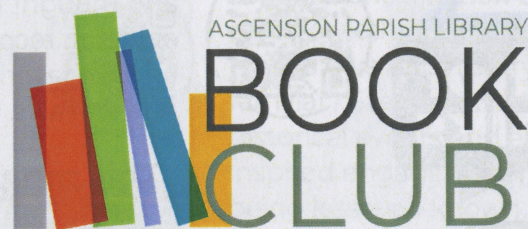


Nuevo Club de Lectura en Español

A partir del jueves 30 de abril, se inaugurará un nuevo club de lectura en español en la biblioteca de Gonzales. Diseñado para reunir a lectores que comparten una pasión

por la literatura, la cultura y la conversación, este club servirá como un espacio acogedor para que los hispanohablantes exploren obras de autores clásicos y contemporáneos, al tiempo que fomenta las conexiones comunitarias.

Las reuniones regulares se llevarán a cabo el último jueves de cada mes a las 6:30pm. Si usted es hispanohablante y le gusta participar en debates sobre libros, le invitamos a unirse llamando a Paloma al 225-673-8699. El libro que se debatirá en abril será *Como agua para chocolate* de Laura Esquivel. Se notificará a los lectores cuándo podrán recoger los libros en Gonzales después de inscribirse.



MAR 5

1:30pm Donaldsonville

Counterfeit by Kirstin Chen

6:30pm Gonzales

The Honey Bus by Meredith May

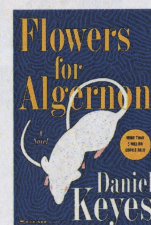
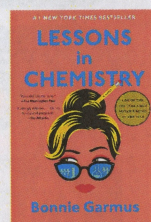
6:30pm Dutchtown

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

6:30pm Galvez

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

Broaden your literary horizons, discover new authors, and connect with fellow book enthusiasts. APL Book Clubs meet on the first Thursday of every month. Registration required. If you are interested in joining one of our book clubs, call your local library location to see if space is available.



"Whenever you feel afraid, just remember.

Courage is the root of change—and change is what we're chemically designed to do."

—Bonnie Garmus, *Lessons in Chemistry*

Was your New Year's resolution to read more? We have spots available!

If you've ever been interested in joining a book club, the library's Dutchtown location currently has space available. Explore new reads, engage in in-depth discussions, and connect with fellow readers. Call 225-673-8699 for more details and to sign up.

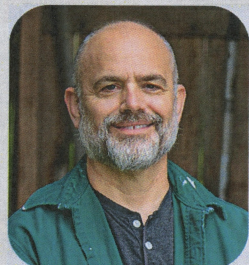
New St. Amant Book Club

You're invited to be among the earliest to join the book club of our newest library location in St. Amant. The first meeting will be coming soon. Call 225-647-3955 to sign up.



Enjoy a range of virtual talks from bestselling, award-winning authors and thought leaders from around the world. Livestream as they happen or watch recordings of past talks at your own pace, anytime, anywhere on your favorite device. Scan the QR code for access to all of our available Author Talks. Registration is required to participate in the livestreams.

This month . . .



Humor, Heart, & Reflective Rural Stories with Michael Perry **WED, MAR 4 1:00pm Virtual**

Join us in conversation with bestselling author and humorist Michael Perry, whose collection of genre-spanning works encapsulates the experiences and the magic of rural town communities and the everyday people who reside in them.



How to Make Healthy Living Effortless & Fun with Jenn Lueke **THU, MAR 5 1:00pm Virtual**

In her new cookbook, *Don't Think About Dinner*, recipe developer and social media star Jenn Lueke offers a framework to save time, money, and energy with strategic meal planning, grocery lists, and kitchen prep.



Book Portals & Journeys of Literary Magic with Kate Quinn **THU, MAR 12 6:00pm Virtual**

You're invited to join us for a virtual conversation with acclaimed author Kate Quinn about her latest fantastical work, *The Astral Library*, which poses the question: Have you ever wished you could live inside a book?



America's Failed Response to the Opioid Crisis with Shoshana Walter & Special Guest Host Barbara Kingsolver **TUE, MAR 24 1:00pm Virtual**

Join us for a special conversation between award-winning journalist Shoshana Walter and bestselling author Barbara Kingsolver as they chat about Walter's book *Rehab: An American Scandal*, which exposes the country's failed response to the opioid crisis.

Coming next month . . .



On a Mission: The History of US Women Astronauts with Valerie Neal
THU, APR 2 1:00pm Virtual



On Writing Action-Packed & Suspenseful Spycraft with Brad Taylor
TUE, APR 14 6:00pm Virtual



Lush Lyricism & Intimate Confessions with Miranda Cowley Heller
WED, APR 22 1:00pm Virtual



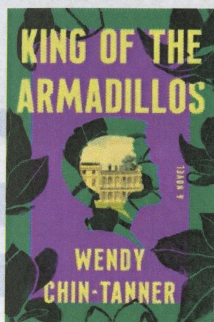
Bittersweet: Exploring the Five Tastes of Dessert with Thalia Ho
THU, APR 23 6:00pm Virtual



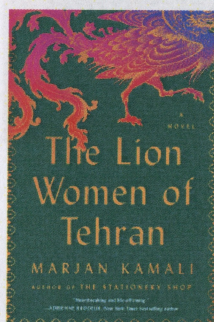
Historical Fiction: A Different Story

Love historical fiction but want to read something a little different? Maybe dive into history that's less familiar? Step back in time to historical events and eras that inspired engaging stories—despite being less well-known.

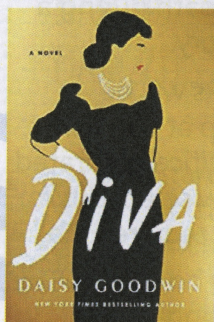
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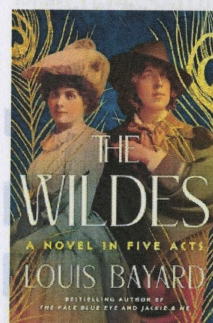
At the age of 15, Victor's life is turned upside down. Diagnosed with Hansen's disease, aka leprosy, he's forced to leave the only home he's known since emigrating from China with his older brother to quarantine alongside patients from all over the country at a federal institution in Carville, Louisiana. As he dreams of escaping, Victor finds refuge in music.



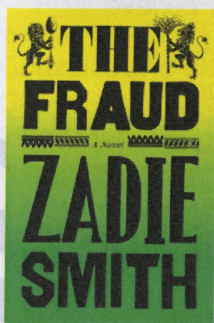
In 1950s Tehran, after the death of her father, 7-year-old Ellie and her mother move to a tiny home downtown. There, she meets Homa, and the girls form a deep friendship across social classes. Together, the two young women come of age and pursue their own goals for meaningful futures. But as the political turmoil in Iran builds, a personal betrayal has consequences.



In the competitive world of opera, Maria Callas was known as the divine one, the toast of the grandest opera houses in the world. When she met the fabulously rich Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, she believed she'd found someone who saw the woman within. Until it was over. But losing the man she loved helped Maria find her true voice.



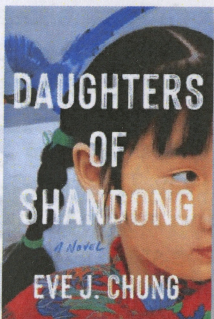
In 1892, Oscar Wilde and his family retreated to the Norfolk countryside for a holiday. His wife, Constance, had every reason to be happy: two sons, her work as a feminist advocate, and a charming, affectionate husband who was the most sought-after author in England. But as houseguests arrive, Constance comes to see that her husband's heart is elsewhere.



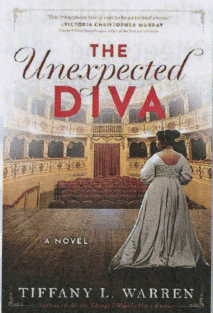
In 1873, Mrs. Eliza Touchet is the housekeeper—and cousin—to a once-famous novelist. Eliza is a woman of many interests, but she is skeptical. She suspects her cousin of having no talent, his successful friend of being a bully, and England of being a land of facades. In a world of hypocrisy, deciding what is real proves to be a complicated task.



In 13th-century Ireland, a woman with power is a woman to be feared. When young Alice sees her mother wither under the constraints of family responsibilities, she vows that she will not suffer the same fate. But as her wealth and stature grow, so do the rumors about her private life. A blaze of local gossip culminates in an accusation that could prove fatal.



In 1948, civil war ravages China, but in rural Shandong, the wealthy Angs are concerned with their lack of an heir. Hai, the eldest of four girls, spends her days looking after her sisters. As the Communist army closes in, the girls are left behind. Without an Ang male to punish, the land-seizing cadres choose Hai to stand trial for her family's crimes.



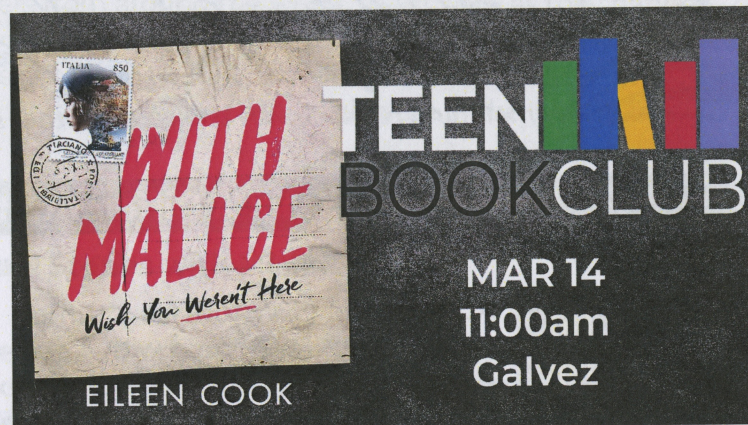
Born into slavery, Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield was raised in the safety of the Quaker community by a wealthy adoptive mother. Sheltered and educated, Eliza's happy childhood included music lessons to nurture her unique three-octave singing voice. But on the eve of her 24th birthday, young Eliza's world is thrown into a tailspin.



Step into our pop-up Anime Café for an evening of sweet treats and stellar vibes at the library in Galvez. We will be diving into the world of Sailor Moon on Thursday, March 26 beginning at 6:00pm. Chill with Japanese snacks and watch an episode or two together. We will also make a Sailor Moon-themed DIY project—bedazzling your own mirror compact. It will be a low-key hangout for teens who love magic, friendship, and fun.



Want to eat food, play games, craft, and talk about books, movies, and music? Then our Teen Advisory Board is for you! Attend monthly meetings, meet other teens, and help at library events. All teens ages 13–18 with a valid Ascension Parish Library card are invited to join our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). TAB meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm in Gonzales. This month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 10. TAB members are asked to volunteer for two hours or help with one library event each month, as their schedule allows. To get involved, fill out a TAB application at any of our library locations.



Step into new worlds, meet unforgettable characters, and share your hot takes—whether you loved the book or had other opinions. Teen Book Club is held on the second Saturday of every month at 11:00am in Galvez. March's book pick is *With Malice* by Eileen Cook—a psychological thriller about an amnesiac trying to solve the mystery of her best friend's death during a school trip, questioning her own memory.

This event is for teens ages 12–18. Snacks will be provided. Books are reserved for pickup at our Galvez location. While our book picks are specifically curated for teens, parents may choose to review selections for suitability for their reader. Registration required. Call 225-622-3339 to sign up.

*"It doesn't matter what's true—
what matters is what people believe."*

—Eileen Cook,
With Malice



packet pickup

**Prep & Pamper:
Soaking Scrub**

MAR 2 All Locations

Create your own soaking scrub using a fun, easy kit that includes everything you need—ingredients, a cute jar, and labels to decorate it your way. This mix-at-home activity is perfect for unwinding after a busy day or just taking a break. Just follow the steps and enjoy some low-key “me time.” Kits are available beginning Monday, March 2 at all library locations, while supplies last. *Please note: Contains fragrance, may be an allergen to sensitive individuals.*

ACT[®]

TEST PREP WORKSHOP

MAR 10 3:30pm Gonzales
MAR 19 6:30pm Galvez

ACT[®]

computer based

PRACTICE TESTS

MAR 15 9:00am Gonzales
MAR 21 1:00pm Galvez

Register online!

Remember to bring a CALCULATOR to the test!



Start preparing for post-secondary success at the library! Learn how to access free online ACT/SAT practice tests and tutorials and get homework help through the library's digital education resources. Library staff will also show you which tools can assist with improving your test scores. ACT test prep workshops will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 3:30pm in Gonzales and on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm in Galvez. Each session lasts 30 minutes and is designed for students in grades 10-12. The same material will be covered at both test prep workshop sessions. Bringing a laptop is welcome but not required.

The library will also be administering free, timed, computer-based ACT practice tests utilizing Princeton Review resources available through the library's digital learning platforms. Familiarize yourself with the sections and format of the ACT and work within the time restrictions used for standard ACT testing. Teens ages 12-18 are encouraged to register for one of our test dates on Sunday, March 15 at 9:00am in Gonzales or Saturday, March 21 at 1:00pm in Galvez. Each practice test will last approximately 3 1/2 hours. You will immediately receive your score after the test. Bringing a calculator is recommended.

Registration required. Space is limited. To sign up online, scan the QR code above, then choose the type, time, and location that is most convenient for you.

SOFT START SATURDAYS

YOGA for TWEENS

MAR 14
APR 11
MAY 9

10:00am · Dutchtown

Weekends don't have to be rushed! Relax and reset with our monthly yoga class designed specifically for tweens. Led by RYT-200 registered yoga teacher Jada Kerek, this three-session series will be held at the library in Dutchtown on Saturday, March 14; Saturday, April 11; and Saturday, May 9. Each session begins at 10:00am and will include simple poses, easy stretches, and moments to pause and take a breath. Soft mat flooring will be provided, along with a few yoga mats; however, you are also welcome to bring your own.

Registration required. Scan the QR code to sign up.



GROWING UP GIRLS:

A Class for Preteen Girls

MAR 7
9:00am
Gonzales



Help your daughter understand the physical and emotional changes she will experience as she goes through puberty. Ascension Parish Library, in partnership with Our Lady of the Lake St. Elizabeth, will host this candid and comforting conversation about a natural phase of growing up on Saturday, March 7 at 9:00am in Gonzales. This class is tailored for girls ages 9-11 and their parents or guardians. Registration required. To sign up for this event, call Our Lady of the Lake St. Elizabeth at 225-621-2906.



Babysitter's Club fans, it's time to unite with your favorite characters when Stoneybrook comes to life at the library in Dutchtown on Saturday, March 28 at 10:00am. At our Babysitter's Club, you will get more than diaper-changing tips! Join Kristy and Claudia at the President's Station, make a flower-pressed bookmark with Mary Anne and Mallory, move and groove with Jessi and Abby, and take home a new seed to care for! Little Sisters won't be left out—they can fine-tune their babysitting skills in a play nursery.

This event is designed for kids and tweens ages 6–11.



scavenger hunt

Enchanting Spring Animals

MAR 1 – MAR 31 All Locations

Throughout March, search for baby animal pictures hidden throughout the children's area of the library. Pick up and turn in completed scavenger hunt sheets to the check out desk. Completed sheets will receive a stamp.

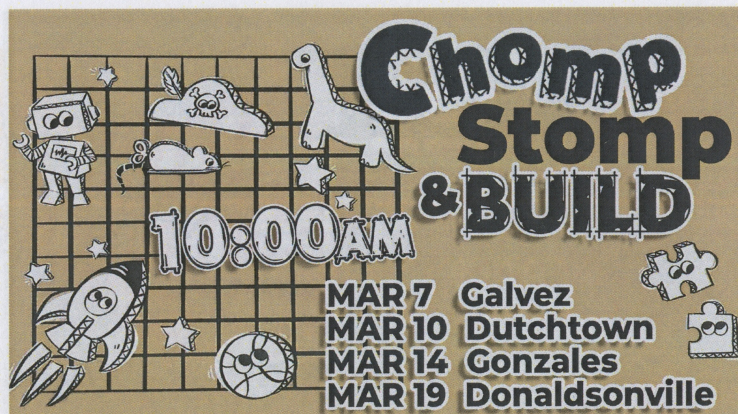


guessing game

Egg-cellent Candy Counting

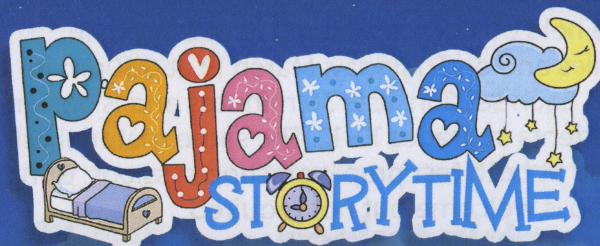
APR 1 – APR 30 All Locations

Can you crack the candy count? Test your math skills by guessing how many pastel candies are in the jar for a chance to win a sweet prize. Stop by at any library location throughout April, look closely at the jar, then write down your best guess and turn it in at the check out desk. You don't need a math degree—just a good eye and a little luck. The person with the closest guess will win. One winner per location. All ages may participate.



Stomp, chomp, and create! Journey into a world of dinosaurs by building your own prehistoric creation using cardboard and kid-safe tools. Choose from our dino templates or let your imagination run free. Chomp through cardboard, snap pieces together with colorful fasteners, and craft something awesome to take home. Enjoy a full hour of constructing, imagining, and dino-sized fun—all materials are provided by the library. Come build with us on Saturday, March 7 in Galvez; Tuesday, March 10 in Dutchtown; Saturday, March 14 in Gonzales; and Thursday, March 19 in Donaldsonville. All sessions begin at 10:00am.

This event is designed for kids ages 6–8. Registration required. Scan the QR code above to sign up.



MAR 10 6:30pm Donaldsonville
MAR 12 6:30pm Gonzales & Galvez
MAR 19 6:30pm Dutchtown

Come to the library dressed in your snuggliest pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal along as we step into a world of magic and imagination at this storytime all about unicorns and make-believe.

Pajama Storytime is held at 6:30pm every second Tuesday of the month in Donaldsonville, second Thursday in Gonzales and Galvez, and third Thursday in Dutchtown. Each session lasts approximately 30 minutes. This storytime is designed for kids ages 8 and younger and their families.



Let's explore patterns, footprints, and habitats as we go on a hunt for animals at the library in Donaldsonville on Saturday, March 21 at 10:00am. This safari-themed storytime will feature a brief expedition training, followed by our adventurers traveling through interactive stations. But keep on the lookout for wild animals! Match fur patterns to the correct animal, use playdough to make animal footprints, learn about different animal habitats, and make sure you write down all your scientific findings in your safari journals. This event is designed for kids ages 6–8.



Play Dates is an informal gathering designed for newborns through two-year-olds and their caregivers. Ascension Parish Library provides a welcoming and safe space with toys and books where babies and toddlers can get to know each other and grow and learn through play. It's a time for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers to socialize with others. Socialization and interaction with new things and environments are essential for the development of young children. Play Dates will meet at 10:00am on Tuesdays in Galvez from March 31 to April 27 and on Thursdays in Dutchtown from April 2 to April 30. Each session lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Babytime

Tuesdays, MAR 3 – MAR 24 10:00am Gonzales
Thursdays, MAR 5 – MAR 26 10:00am Dutchtown

Babytime is designed for babies ages 0–18 months and their caregivers. It features interactive board books and a variety of songs, nursery rhymes, and fingerplays. Babytime helps develop important language and motor skills and allows babies and their caregivers to bond, learn activities and verses to share at home, and connect with other families. Babytime is being held on Tuesdays at 10:00am in Gonzales from March 3 to March 24 and Thursdays at 10:00am in Dutchtown from March 5 to March 26. Each session lasts 15–20 minutes. Parents are welcome to socialize afterwards, giving babies time to play together.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, MAR 4 – MAR 25 10:00am
Gonzales, Donaldsonville, Dutchtown, & Galvez

Toddler Storytime is designed for active toddlers ages 15 months to 2 years and their families. It features interactive picture books, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays. This storytime encourages toddlers to wiggle, clap, and dance while learning new words, rhythms, and songs. The combination of stories, music, and hands-on activities helps develop language skills, motor coordination, and a love of books. Toddler Storytime is held on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Gonzales, Donaldsonville, Dutchtown, and Galvez from March 4 to March 25. Each session lasts approximately 25 minutes.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, MAR 4 – MAR 25 11:00am
Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez

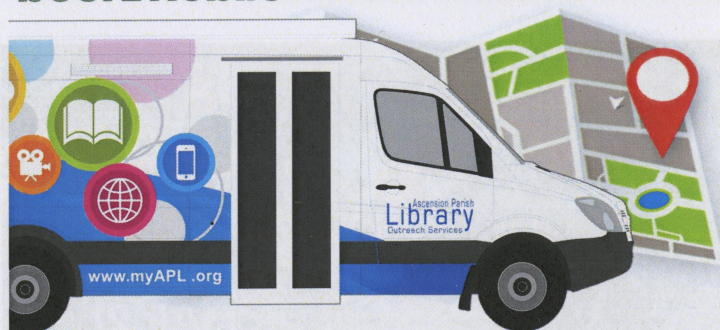
Preschool Storytime is designed for kids ages 3–5 and their families. This storytime is for children who have outgrown Toddler Storytime but have not started school yet. It features engaging picture books along with a mix of lively songs and playful rhymes and activities to keep things energetic and fun while promoting early literacy and school readiness. Setting aside time to read together instills a love of books in children and enriches your child's language development. Preschool Storytime is held on Wednesdays at 11:00am in Gonzales, Dutchtown, and Galvez from March 4 to March 25. Each session lasts approximately 25 minutes.



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Puppet Palooza in Gonzales; DIY Birdhouses in Gonzales; Kente Cloth Weaving in Gonzales; Downsizing & Decluttering presented by AARP Louisiana in Gonzales; Outreach visited Sorrento Primary's STEM Night.

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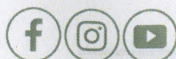


- MAR 3 & 17 3:30pm-4:30pm St. Amant Park
- MAR 4 1:30pm-2:30pm Francois Bend
- MAR 4 & 18 3:30pm-4:30pm Sorrento Community Center
- MAR 5 10:00am-11:00am Donaldsonville Senior Center
- MAR 5 & 19 3:30pm-4:30pm Oak Grove Community Center
- MAR 6 & 20 9:00am-10:00am Gill's Supermarket
- MAR 6 & 20 3:30pm-4:30pm Darrow Community Center
- MAR 10 & 24 9:00am-10:00am St. Amant Park
- MAR 10 & 24 2:00pm-3:00pm New River United Methodist
- MAR 10 & 24 3:30pm-4:30pm Keystone of Galvez Park
- MAR 11 & 25 3:00pm-4:00pm The Church—Donaldsonville
- MAR 12 & 26 3:30pm-4:30pm Lemantville Park
- MAR 13 & 27 1:30pm-2:30pm Donaldsonville Senior Apartments
- MAR 25 5:00pm-7:00pm 3rd Annual Special Education Resource Fair
- MAR 28 10:00am-1:00pm APSO Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- APR 1 1:30pm-2:30pm Francois Bend
- APR 1 3:30pm-4:30pm Sorrento Community Center
- APR 2 10:00am-11:00am Donaldsonville Senior Center
- APR 2 3:30pm-4:30pm Oak Grove Community Center

Schedule subject to change.

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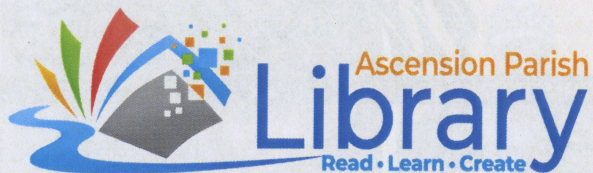


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Prep & Pamper: Soaking Scrub Packet Pickup All Locations After Color: An Exhibit by Malaika Favorite begins in Dutchtown Enchanting Spring Animals scavenger hunt begins	3 Babytime 10:00am Gonzales	4 Toddler Storytime 10:00am Gonzales, Donaldsonville, Dutchtown, & Galvez Preschool Storytime 11:00am Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez Author Talks with Michael Perry 1:00pm Virtual	5 Babytime 10:00am Dutchtown ► Mindful Chair Yoga with Jada Kerek 11:30am Gonzales Author Talks with Jenn Lueke 1:00pm Virtual APL Book Clubs 1:30pm Donaldsonville 6:30pm Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez	6 	7 ► Growing Up Girls 9:00am Gonzales ► Chomp, Stomp, & Build 10:00am Galvez
8 	9 	10 Babytime 10:00am Gonzales ► Chomp, Stomp, & Build 10:00am Dutchtown ► ACT Test Prep Workshop 3:30pm Gonzales Teen Advisory Board 6:00pm Gonzales ► What's the Buzz? Exploring Pollinator Health with Dr. Morgan Christman 6:30pm Gonzales Pajama Storytime 6:30pm Donaldsonville	11 Toddler Storytime 10:00am Gonzales, Donaldsonville, Dutchtown, & Galvez Preschool Storytime 11:00am Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez ► One-on-One Beginner Computer Help 5:00pm Gonzales	12 Babytime 10:00am Dutchtown ► Mindful Chair Yoga with Jada Kerek 11:30am Gonzales Spring Choir Concert with Little Vocal Studio 6:00pm Donaldsonville After Color: A Conversation with Malaika Favorite 6:00pm Dutchtown Author Talk with Kate Quinn 6:00pm Virtual Pajama Storytime 6:30pm Gonzales & Galvez	13 ► One-on-One Beginner Computer Help 2:00pm Gonzales	14 ► Chomp, Stomp, & Build 10:00am Gonzales ► Attraction in Action: Exploring Magnetism 10:00am Donaldsonville ► Soft Start Saturdays: Yoga for Tweens 10:00am Dutchtown ► Teen Book Club 11:00am Galvez
15 ► ACT Practice Test 9:00am Gonzales	16 	17 Babytime 10:00am Gonzales	18 Toddler Storytime 10:00am Gonzales, Donaldsonville, Dutchtown, & Galvez Preschool Storytime 11:00am Gonzales, Dutchtown, & Galvez ► Healthy Eating on a Budget with Healthy Ascension 5:30pm Gonzales	19 ► Chomp, Stomp, & Build 10:00am Donaldsonville Babytime 10:00am Dutchtown ► Mindful Chair Yoga with Jada Kerek 11:30am Gonzales ► Healthy Eating on a Budget with Healthy Ascension 5:30pm Donaldsonville Amigos Time 6:30pm Gonzales Pajama Storytime 6:30pm Dutchtown ► ACT Test Prep Workshop 6:30pm Galvez	20 	21 Let's Go on a Safari 10:00am Donaldsonville ► Writer's Genre Workshop 11:00am Galvez ► ACT Practice Test 1:00pm Galvez
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Dutchtown

13278 Highway 73, Geismar, LA 70734
225-673-8699

Mon, Wed, & Fri 8:30am – 5:30pm
Tue & Thu 8:30am – 8:00pm
Sat 8:30am – 12:30pm
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Galvez

40300 Highway 42, Prairieville, LA 70769
225-622-3339

Mon, Wed, & Fri 8:30am – 5:30pm
Tue & Thu 8:30am – 8:00pm
Sat 8:30am – 12:30pm
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Donaldsonville

500 Mississippi St., Donaldsonville, LA 70346
225-473-8052

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Study Commons at the Wag Center

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